

# Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 28th September, 2010.

**Present:** Geoff Lee (Tristar Homes), David Hughes, Jo Heaney, Emma Champley (DAAT), Darren Best (Police), Chris Coombs (Cleveland Police Authority), Sam Gibbons (Junior Neighbourhood Watch), Cllr Steve Nelson, Mike Batty, Jane Humphreys (SBC), Lucia Saiger (Probation); Miriam Robertson (YOS), Andy Smith (HMP Holme House), Tina Williams (Central Area Partnership Board); Ian Garrett (Eastern Area Partnership Board); Les Jones (Cleveland Fire Brigade); John Bentley (Safe in Tees Valley).

**Officers:** Marilyn Davies (DNS); Fiona McKie (LD); Andy Whinnerah (PP).

**Also in attendance:** Rachael Robertson (Lifeline)

**Apologies:** were submitted on behalf of Ted Allen, Glenis Sanderson, Richard Poundford, Will Fletcher, Julie Nixon, Jim Beall, Ruth Hill, Rob Donaghey, Jim Willoughby.

## 1 Annual General Meeting

A list of the appointments were agreed by Members as follows:-

Appointment of Chair - Geoff Lee  
Appointment of Vice Chair - Jane Humphreys

Representatives on Stockton Renaissance - Superintendent Darren Best and Lucia Saiger

Representative on Parkfield/Mill Lane Neighbourhood Management Board - Chief Inspector Ted Allen

AGREED that the above nominations be approved.

## 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 17th August 2010

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th August were agreed as a correct record.

## 3 Matters Arising

- (a) Mental Health Assessments (No:4 refers)
- (b) Letter to Home Secretary re GONE (No:7 refers)
- (c) Presentation to Community Empowerment Network (No:15 refers)
- (d) DV Awayday (No:17 refers)

- (a) Mental Health Assessments- Jane Humphreys stated that without clear examples would be unable to progress this issue.
- (b) Response received from the Home Office which was not clear. A further letter has been sent requesting clarification.
- (c) The presentation would be held on 25th October, 2010.
- (d) A date will be set in due course for the Domestic Violence awayday.

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A letter has been sent and a further letter will be sent by the Chairman to Judith Million thanking her team.

## 4 Minutes of the Safeguarding Adults Committee 15 July 2010

The minutes of the Safeguarding Adults Committee held on 15th July were noted for information purposes.

## 5 Any Other Business - Identification

None

## **6 Home Office Update**

None

## **7 Lifeline**

Rachael Robertson was in attendance at the meeting to provide a presentation on the Lifeline Project. A new alcohol service that commenced in Stockton on 1 October 2010. The organisation has existed as a charity since 1971 providing substance/alcohol misuse services. The service co-ordinates with the ABS service and has late night and weekend opening.

Funding was provided through the DAAT over a 3 year funding stream with the pilot scheme for Alcohol Treatment Requirements running for one year.

In the Stockton locality each worker will have approximately 30 clients each. Each person will be charted through the treatment system. The service has been welcomed by the local community and there have been no problems in the local area since it has been introduced.

The importance of tracking patients was highlighted especially if the Government introduced payment by results.

Working with the prison service to help those with alcohol problems on release was suggested.

Members requested a further update in 12 months.

AGREED that the presentation be noted and that a further update be provided in 12 months.

## **8 Fire Brigade Presentation**

Members were provided with a presentation on Fatal Accidental Dwelling Fires Analysis. Detail was provided on the current approach, performance measures, together with information on high risk wards and fatality profiles. Members were informed of the future plans to:

- Develop Formal partnership arrangements with key partners
- Develop data sharing protocols
- Carry out joint visits for high risk clients
- Provision of fire safety awareness training for staff who access people within the home

Junior Neighbourhood Watch requested a lesson plan that they could deliver regarding the fire service. It was stated that an educational specialist was currently putting together a presentation for children to be delivered throughout Schools and other appropriate organisations.

Discussion was held on targeting areas particularly where there are vulnerable people.

Cllr Nelson requested that information be provided to Members to put in their newsletters.

AGREED that the presentation be noted.

## **9 Outcome of Adult Services Inspection**

Members were informed that a 2 week inspection had been carried out around safeguarding of adults and increased choice for older people. A full report would be published next month and then an action plan would be produced.

AGREED that the update be noted.

## **10 Community Cohesion Strategy**

Members were provided with a briefing note on the community cohesion strategy and action plan which was the overarching strategy of the LSP with regard to community cohesion.

The current version was written in 2009 with a closing date of 2012.

It was, however, imperative that working strategies like the community cohesion be regularly

monitored. A monitoring exercise was undertaken in June of this year. Whilst it was reassuring to find that the majority of actions in the action plan were on track, it was apparent that the landscape had changed since it was written and that it was important that the strategy be looked at afresh with a view to bringing it up to date, better able to meet the needs of today and anticipate the needs of the future.

With this in mind partners were being consulted in order to make whatever changes were necessary to bring it up to the required standard.

The current strategy was available on the website and members comments would be welcomed.

AGREED that the report be noted and that any comments on the strategy be submitted.

#### **11 Recorded Crime & Disorder**

This report set out the recorded crime figures, anti social behaviour disorder codes and Most Serious Violence figures for April – August 2010 compared with April – August 2009.

Members discussed the figures relating to shop lifting a meeting would be held with Town Centre Managers to address.

Discussion was also held on anti social behaviour. It was noted that monitoring of repeat calls of anti social behaviour was being undertaken in order to address what the issues are. Members felt that it was vital that young people were able to play in areas and it not be seen as anti social behaviour.

AGREED that the update be noted.

#### **12 DAAT Q1**

Members were provided with the DAAT Quarter 1 performance data. It was noted that 90% of drug users were receiving treatment and that work was ongoing to gain an assessment of those that weren't in treatment.

It was stated that performance had dipped in relation to commencing vaccinations and this was being investigated as a pilot scheme was currently in operation for a nurse to be delivering Hep A vaccines.

Discussion was held on service users that were now drug free, Members would like to see some further analysis of these figures by PDUs.

AGREED that the report be noted and further information as requested be provided.

#### **13 Alcohol Strategy Monitoring**

Members were provided with the Alcohol Strategy monitoring report. It was stated that more people were reporting at A&E. It was reported that high levels of domestic violence were connected to alcohol. The Harbour service were booked in to provide training, to ensure that reporting was done correctly.

It was requested that work be done with younger people possibly through the YOS.

AGREED that the update be noted.

#### **14 Community Safety Plan Quarter 1 Monitoring April - June 2010**

There were a total of 44 targets in the Community Safety Plan for 2008/11. 27 of the targets were on target to achieve (green), six were slightly below expected performance (amber), and six targets are red and five were not due an update in quarter one.

Members discussed Safe at Home and were informed that there was no funding for this to run in its current format and it was suggested that a further report be presented to a future meeting.

AGREED that the report be noted and that a further report be presented on Safe at Home.

**15 2010 Drug Strategy - National Consultation Paper**

Members were provided with a paper on the 2010 Drug Strategy, the aims of which were:

- Greater ambition for individual recovery whilst ensuring the crime reduction impact of treatment
- Actions to tackle drugs being part of building the 'Big Society.'
- A more holistic approach with drugs issues being assessed and tackled alongside other issues such as alcohol abuse, child protection, mental health, employment and housing
- Budgets and responsibility devolved wherever possible, with commissioning of services at a local level
- Budgets and funding streams simplified and outcome based.
- The financial cost of drug misuse reduced

Tina Williams requested that more hair strand testing be carried out rather than other forms of testing. Emma informed the group that carers had raised this at the commissioning group and she intended to gather information of drug testing/costs, etc. Jane Humphreys requested that specific case studies be forwarded to her if there were any concerns in order for her to investigate the situation further.

AGREED that any comments should be forwarded to Emma regarding the drug strategy consultation response and Emma would submit the agreed response by the deadline.

**16 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment**

Members were provided with the current draft of the 'front end' of the second JSNA for Stockton-on-Tees. In addition, a draft had been prepared of the supporting details and data tables. The full document was available on request (from Anne.Bowden@stockton.gov.uk tel. 01642 527075).

There was an opportunity at this stage to inform the final version of the next JSNA, but the timetable requires comments by 1 October (to ruth.hill@northteespct.nhs.uk), and a final version would be prepared by the end of October. This meant that the results of the current consultation programme would come too late to be incorporated in the next JSNA, but would be available for next year's version.

AGREED that any comments be provided to Ruth Hill by 1st October, 2010.

**17 Gender Profile - YOS**

This paper was produced to provide a gender profile of youth crime in Stockton on Tees. 10 years of data was available from the Youth Offending Service, which can be used to consider the offending behaviour of 10-17 year olds females in the borough.

Members found the findings very interesting, particularly that females were less likely to re-offend. Members were informed that of the females that do re-offend these tend to be prolific and persistent offenders and many have been in a social services background.

AGREED that the report be noted.

**18 Policing White Paper - 'Policing in the 21st Century: Reconnecting People and the Police'**

Members were provided with the final draft of the Partnership's response to the Policing White Paper - 'Policing in the 21st Century: Reconnecting People and the Police'.

AGREED that the report be noted.

**19 Counter Terrorism**

No update.

**20 Communications**

Members were provided with the list of press releases from SSP for the period of the 4th August 2010 – 15th September. Copies of the full articles were available from the Community Safety Team.

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**Reports Back**

**(a) Renaissance**

**(b) DAAT Groups**

- **Adults Commissioning**
- **Young Peoples Commissioning**
- **Reducing Supply Group**
- **Offender Management Group**

**(c) Area Partnership Boards**

**(d) Parkfield/Mill Lane Neighbourhood Management Board**

None